

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 73 and 74 as follows:

73. (amended) A method as claimed as claimed in claim 72, wherein the dUTPase activity comprises one or more of a P45 protein [as claimed in claim 59] produced from a cell containing a DNA construct comprising a sequence encoding PEF protein P45 operably linked to an expression vector, wherein the protein is in monomeric, dimeric, or multimeric form, a human dUTPase, a bacterial dUTPase, an archael dUTPase, a yeast dUTPase, a mammalian dUTPase, or an animal dUTPase.

74. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 72, wherein the PEF activity comprises a P45 protein [as claimed in claim 59] produced from a cell containing a DNA construct comprising a sequence encoding PEF protein P45 operably linked to an expression vector, wherein the protein is in monomeric, dimeric, or multimeric form.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims 73 and 74. The amendments to the specification adds sequence identifiers where appropriate. These sequence identifiers correspond to the numbered sequences in the Sequence Listing filed in the subject application on October 24, 1997. Applicants maintain that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments.